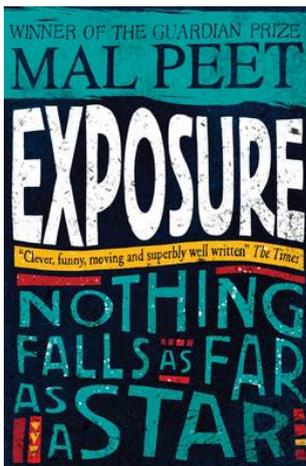


## Noughts and Crosses

**Author:** Malorie Blackman **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 07/09/2006 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 3

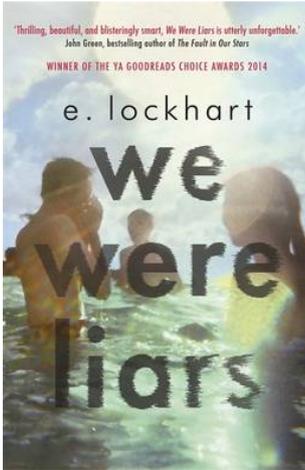
Michael Rosen on a compelling favourite: "A book that dared to go where no one thought you could with young audiences because it raises tough stuff to do with race." It takes a brave author such as Malorie Blackman to consider a sequence of the like of Noughts and Crosses and to pull it off with utmost aplomb. Award-winning author Blackman has tackled the issues of racism and prejudice in a world set in an alternate historical reality. Although 11 year olds will take great joy and learn much from reading this first one in the sequence, adults will devour it with equal enthusiasm. The contrast of the two main protagonists makes the novel totally compelling and the writing style is both original and superbly paced. The plot unravels at the pace of a thriller and as a consequence it's a book that is almost impossible to put down. Books in the Noughts & Crosses Series: 1. Noughts & Crosses 2. Knife Edge 3. Checkmate 4. Double Cross 5. Crossfire



## Exposure

**Author:** Mal Peet **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 06/10/2008 **Year Groups:** Key Stage 3, Key Stage 4

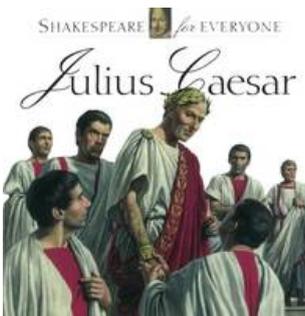
Winner of the Guardian Children's Fiction Prize 2009. A dramatic, topical novel inspired by Shakespeare's Othello which will appeal to both boys and girls with its themes of football and celebrity culture. Award winning Mal Peet's Exposure is the third in the gripping trilogy which began with Keeper, about top sports journalist, Paul Faustino. Faustino always has an eye for the good story and when Otello, a national hero with money, an attractive wife and great media profile, makes a sensational club transfer, Faustino is already taking notice. Such high exposure puts Otello at risk and when his name is linked to a scandal - all be it wrongly - the power of the press turns against him. As ever, Faustino is an unforgettable character and an excellent commentator on the way the press can both make and destroy reputations. The first in the trilogy was Keeper and the second was Penalty.



## We Were Liars

**Author:** E. Lockhart **Format:** Paperback **Release Date:** 13/05/2014  
**Year Groups:** Key Stage 3, Key Stage 4

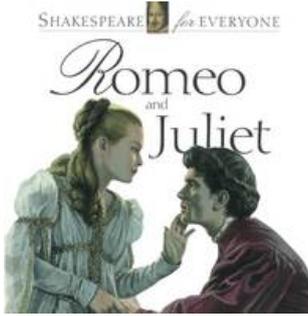
Zoella Book Club title Summer 16 | One of our Books of the Year 2014 - Shortlisted for the Guardian Children's Fiction Book Award 2014 - May 2014 Book of the Month A gripping story with a brilliantly shocking ending. Rich, beautiful, privileged – the Sinclair clan seem to have it all. For Cadence and her cousins that means long hot summers on their special holiday island. Days of swimming and picnics and parties. But around them swirl the problems of their parents and particularly, the complex issues of their inheritance. When Cadence hits her head in an accident she can't remember anything about how it might have happened; a whole section of her life is missing. It is only when she goes back to the family island that the truth slowly and painfully becomes clear. Guardian Children's Fiction Prize Judge, Gillian Cross, found it: "a wise, subtle book about grief and guilt. It needs to be read at least twice." A Piece of Passion from Emma Matthewson, Editor-at-Large, Hot Key Books "This has been one of those books that just sucked everybody in from the moment we started reading. E. Lockhart has written a book of contrasts and of many parts, and that is what makes this book so very, very extraordinary and addictive. It is a book that was born to be talked about." Sarah Odedina, Hot Key MD, says: "Everyone at Hot Key Books is so excited and energised by having this breathtaking book on the list. It is a one-sitting heart-pounding read. It is quite simply unique and we know we are going to have a spectacular time bringing it to the attention of readers."



## Julius Caesar Shakespeare for Everyone

**Author:** Jennifer Mulherin **Format:** Paperback / softback **Release Date:** 31/12/2014

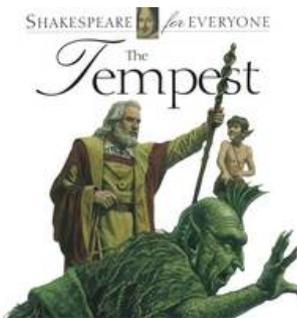
Shakespeare for Everyone is a wonderful series featuring a lively and stimulating approach to some of the most popular of Shakespeare's plays. These books really bring his works to life for those who are new to Shakespeare or who are studying the plays in school. Background on how he wrote each play and how it fits into his entire body of work is e



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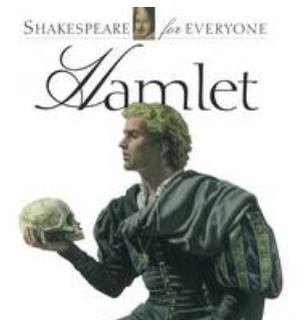
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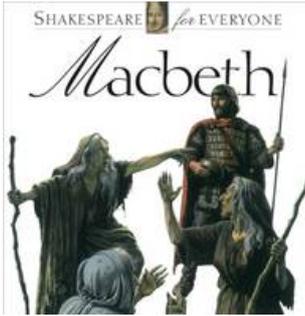
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## Hamlet Shakespeare for Everyone

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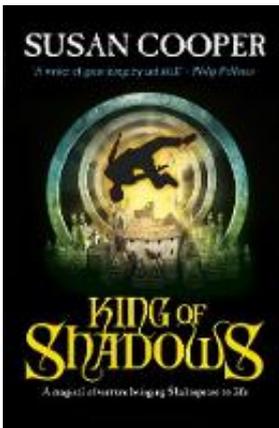
Hamlet is surely one of the most popular of Shakespeare's plays and this series really brings it to life for those who are new to Shakespeare or who are studying the play at school. The story of how Shakespeare wrote Hamlet and how the play fits into his entire body of work are explored in an introductory chapter. Ideal introduction or revision aid Full of interesting background information Includes a short biography of Shakespeare Specially commissioned artwork emphasizes key plot turns and character traits



## Macbeth Shakespeare for Everyone

**Author:** Jennifer Mulherin **Format:** Paperback / softback **Release Date:** 31/12/2014

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## King Of Shadows

**Author:** Susan Cooper **Format:** Paperback / softback **Release Date:** 30/09/2010

I lay very still, with all my senses telling me that I had gone mad. The plague? Nobody's had the plague for centuries . . . Nathan Field, a talented young actor, arrives at the newly rebuilt Globe Theatre in London to play Puck in A Midsummer Night's Dream. As rehearsals begin, eerie echoes of the past begin to haunt Nat, and he falls sick with a mysterious sickness. When he wakes, Nat finds himself in 1599, an actor at the original Globe - and his co-star is none other than the King of Shadows himself: William Shakespeare. Nat's new life is full of excitement, danger and the passionate friendship that he has longed for since the tragic death of his parents. But why has he been sent to the past - and is he trapped there forever?